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To the READER.

1. TO ſet the Doctrine of Chriſtian Perfection too high, is the ready Way to drive it out of the World. Let a Man only deſcribe it, as implying a Freedom from miſtakes and human Infirmities: And whoever knows there is no ſuch Freedom in this Life, naturally concludes, "There is no Perfection." Hence we ſhould always carefully guard againſt this, by inſiſting, it is no more and no leſs, than giving GOD all our Heart: Loving him with all our Heart, and our Neighbour as ourſelves.

2. This is well conſiſtent with a Thouſand Infirmities, which belong to every Soul while in the Body. To place this in the cleareſt and fulleſt Light, I have publiſhed the following Extract from the artleſs Journal of a plain Woman, wrote merely for her own Uſe. I have no Doubt, but GOD had all her Heart. But yet how many were her Infirmities! And theſe

are the more apparent, becauſe ſhe was a Perſon of no uncommon Endowments; one that had juſt, plain, natural Underſtanding, without any Advantage of Education, and who wrote down daily juſt what ſhe felt, with all poſſible Artleſneſs and Simplicity. The chief of theſe are, wandering Thoughts (whether natural or preternatural): Liſtleſneſs in private Prayer (I believe, entirely owing to Bodily Diſorder). Hurry in Buſineſs (it ſeems, not apparent to others, though frequently felt by herſelf). Want of a ſteddy, invariable Advertence to the Preſence of God. Speaking too many Words, more than were ſtrictly neceſſary: Speaking, through Ignorance, a Word not ſtrictly true: Speaking ſometimes too quick, ſo as to have the Appearance of Anger: Omiſſion of Things which had better been done. Perhaps one might mention likewiſe under this Head, ſuch vehement Temptations to Anger, to Impatience, to Fretfulneſs, to immoderate Sorrow, and to follow her own Will, that at divers Times ſhe eſcaped with the Skin of her Teeth, and ſcarce knew whether ſhe eſcaped or not. So particular a Detail of theſe Things, may be of ſingular Uſe to thoſe who find the ſame Temptations: And who may be encouraged thereby, to *hold the Beginning*

ning of their *Confidence ſtedfaſt unto the End.*

3. But it may be objected, "If Perfection means only that Love which is "conſiſtent with all theſe Infirmities, then "how does it differ from what is experienced by every Believer?" I anſwer, 1. Many are delivered from theſe Infirmities, in a far greater Meaſure than ſhe was. I judge her to have been a *real* Witneſs of Chriſtian Perfection, but only in a *low Degree*. 2. Whom do you know that experiences even what ſhe did, that never-failing Love of GOD and Man, that uninterrupted Calmneſs of Mind, that invariable Meekneſs, Gentleneſs, Humility? that continual Hunger and Thirſt after Righteouſneſs after the entire Image of GOD? above all, that abſolute, unreſerved Dependance upon CHRIST, as the Fountain of every good and perfect Gift, of all Holineſs and Happineſs? Does every Believer experience this? I will be bold to ſay, not One in a Thouſand. I ſuppoſe not One upon Earth, unleſs he has received another Gift, widely different from what he received when he was juſtified. At leaſt I know no One in the Three Kingdoms, who comes up to this Experience (beſides a few in their Firſt Love), unleſs

after Juſtification he has found a Second Change wrought in a Moment. However, concerning that Circumſtance we need not diſpute, whether it be wrought gradually or inſtantaneouſly. Only let the Change be wrought. Only let our Souls be renewed in the whole Image of GOD. Only let all that Mind be in us, which was alſo in CHRIST JESUS: Let Him reign in our Hearts without a Rival; at all Times and in all Places. Let us be all devoted to Him in Soul and in Body: And let all our Thoughts, and Words, and Actions, be continually offered up to GOD, as Holy Sacrifices acceptable to GOD through CHRIST.

4. A few more Circumſtances relating to this amiable Woman, may not be unacceptable to the Reader. *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of *William* and *Joan Tuck*, was born at *Penzance*, *Dec.* 20, 1734. She was brought to *Redruth* when about Four Years old, and as ſhe grew up, lived as other *harmleſs* People did. *June* 30, 1755, ſhe was married to one *Andrew Harper*, a Shopkeeper of *Redruth*; and Three or Four Years after, ſhe became weak and ſickly. At the ſame Time ſhe grew diſtreſt in her Mind, which ſhe ſtrove to remove by various Ways; but all to no Purpoſe.

Purpoſe. In the latter End of the Year 1763, a Fever brought her to the Brink of Eternity. She was greatly afraid to die: And hearing there were ſome in the Town, who had no Fear of Death, ſhe intreated her Husband, without delay, to ſend for one of their Preachers. Converſing with him, ſhe ſaw the Way of conquering the Fear of Death. She ſoon recovered her Health, and from that Time ſought the Lord with her whole Heart, till on *Eaſter-day* (having joined the Society before) as ſhe was receiving the Lord's Supper, theſe Words were ſtrongly applied to her Soul, *It is* GOD *that juſtifieth: Who is he that condemneth?* She went Home, called her Husband, and ſaid, "Now all my Sins are forgiven. I "am not afraid to die now: For I love "GOD, and I know He loves *me*."

5. From this Time ſhe walked cloſely with GOD, and was hearty and zealous in His Cauſe. There was nothing in her Power, which ſhe was not ready to do for the Servants or Children of GOD. She was exceedingly tempted, after ſhe believed, GOD had cleanſed her from inbred Sin. Of this ſhe gives a large Account in her Journal: But ſhe did not caſt away her Confidence. When ſhe ſaw Death approaching,

approaching, she was not moved, but calmly looked up to God. She exhorted her Husband, and all near her, not to love the World, or the Things of the World. A little after she said, "*Lord,* "*thou knowest all Things: thou knowest* "*that I love Thee.* Thou knowest, it "hath been my only Desire, to please "Thee: Come, LORD JESUS! Come, and "sanctify me throughout, Spirit, Soul "and Body! O come quickly." In a little Time she cried, "He is come! He is "come!" And presently fell asleep.

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AUGUST 8, 1765. After Breakfaſt, as I was at Prayer, the LORD broke in upon my Soul. O may He haſten the happy Time, when I ſhall be filled with his Fulneſs, and to aſſiſt me to believe to full Salvation. O that He would *make me a clean Heart, and renew a right Spirit within me!*

Friday 9. Bleſſed be his Name, He has kept me this Day, amidſt all the Hurry of Buſineſs. I long to get into the glorious Liberty of his dear Children. May the LORD increaſe my Faith, and confirm my Hope, for my dear Redeemer's Sake!

Saturday 10. I was with ſome who do not hold Sinleſs Perfection," as they call it, to be attainable here.

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Afterwards I found, the talking about their Opinion was not of Uſe to me. It only damped my Spirit. May the LORD of his great Goodneſs *lead* me *into all Truth!*

Sunday 11. We were talking of Chriſtian Experience, which is uſeful in its Place; but I fear, I talked too much. LORD, give me a tender Conſcience, "the ſlighteſt Touch of Sin to feel."

Monday 12. To-day, Glory be to his Name, I have had Power over my beſetting Sins. I hope, it will not be long before I have an Evidence, that He has made an End of my inbred Sin. May He ever keep me humble, and fill me with Love, *more to be deſired than Gold, yea, than much fine Gold.* Afterward I was talking with a Chriſtian Friend concerning this Bleſſing; and we ſaw, that none can receive it, till they feel the Want of it firſt, and that then it muſt be received by ſimple Faith alone. I ſaid, "Suppoſe I begin to believe *now*, and believe from "this Time?" She ſaid, "That is the right Way." *Lord, I* do *believe: help my Unbelief*, and increaſe my Faith more and more. When I was going to Bed, I found great Confidence in the LORD. May he increaſe it to the perfect Day!

Tueſday 13. Glory be to GOD, this has been a Day of Marrow and fat Things to my Soul. May he keep me low at his Feet, and humble in the very Duſt before his glorious Majeſty!

Wedneſday 14. I waked with, *Now is the Axe laid to the Root of the Tree.* May the LORD root up whatever is not of his own planting! Glory be to his Name for what he has done. I have not found any Anger riſe in me this Day. But I was ſurprized at private Prayer two or Three Times, with ſomething ſtriking me between the Shoulders as with a Dart. Whatever it is, may the LORD give me Power over it, and take it from me in his own due Time.

Thurſday 15. I was much diſtreſt for a clearer Evidence, and cried to GOD, to increaſe my Faith. In reproving a Perſon, I found ſomething riſe as quick

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as Thought. But I looked to the LORD, and it was gone.

Friday 16. Bleſſed be GOD, he has ſhewn me To-day my Weakneſs and Helpleſneſs more than ever. I am amazed to ſee the Greatneſs of GOD, as well as his unbounded Love in CHRIST JESUS, I ſee, that unleſs he ſave me by Free Grace, I muſt periſh for ever. This Morning I can believe, he has given me the Bleſſing. Glory be to GOD for ever and ever!

Saturday 17. Bleſſed be his Name, that I deſire nothing, but to *know* JESUS CHRIST, *and him crucified*; and that I feel, he ſuffered and died for *me*. May my Heart be ever melted down into the profoundeſt Humility and Self-abaſement before His aweful Majeſty!

Tueſday 20. For two or three Days I have been confined to my Bed, but my Mind is ſtayed upon GOD: And I loath the very Appearance of Sin; I would not deceive myſelf for the World. Lord, give me to try myſelf by thy Word, and weigh myſelf in the Balance of the Sanctuary!

Wedneſday 21. I told one To-day, "If you die "in the State you are in, you will go to Hell." I ſpoke it purely for the Good of her Soul. Yet the Minute I ſpoke, ſomething ſhocked me, and I was afraid, it was too harſh. May the LORD pardon what was amiſs in it, and enable me to ſpeak in a more proper Manner for the Time to come!

Thurſday 22. O what have I felt this Day by Anger! May the LORD ſpeak Peace anew to my Soul, and fill me again with his Love, and make an utter End of Sin in me, for JESUS CHRIST's Sake!

Friday 23. I was greatly tempted with Anger this Day: but Glory be to GOD, it did not break out. May the LORD deſtroy it, Root and Branch, for it is the Trouble of my Soul. May I never be at Eaſe till he roots up this and every bitter Root beſides!

Saturday 24. Glory be to GOD, it is ſtill my Deſire to be cleanſed from all Sin. And is He not able and willing to do it now? May He enable me

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to believe, bleſs me with his Love, and keep me ever in it!

Monday 26. Bleſſed be GOD, I deſire nothing but to be freed from every Thing contrary to his Love, and to be wholly dedicated to his Service. This Day I ſtrongly cried to GOD, to be delivered from all Sin, and to have his Spirit witneſs it to my Spirit: And I could plead the Promiſe for it. And whatever Sin he ſaves me from, may I give him all the Glory!

Tueſday 27. Glory be to GOD, this has been a Day of longing Deſire to be filled with his full Salvation; and I felt more Pain for Want of this, than ever I did when under Conviction, for Want of Pardon. I have felt a very ſore Heart, to be cleanſed from the Inbeing of Sin; bleſſed be GOD for it. I believe, He is able and willing to do this: I believe, *His Will is my Sanctification.* O that I may believe he will do it *now!* The Lord enable me, to believe it from this Time! And may I watch always, pray without ceaſing, and in every Thing give Thanks! May my Life be one continual Looking-up to JESUS the Captain of my Salvation!

Wedneſday 28. My Heart is ſtill ſore, becauſe I cannot yet believe, that the LORD has made an End of in-being Sin. But I hope to ſee the happy Moment, and to have the divine Evidence within me. May I be determined to wreſtle for it in mighty Prayer, and expect it every Moment!

Friday 30. How ſhall I praiſe the LORD, for what he has done for my Soul? O the Love of a dear Redeemer to ſinful Duſt and Aſhes! Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praiſe His Holy Name.

Sunday September 1. LORD, enable me to believe. *Help my Unbelief! Cleanſe* me *from all Filthineſs of Fleſh and Spirit*, that I may *perfect Holineſs in the Fear of* GOD.

Monday 2. Glory be to GOD, tho' I am tempted; I do not now find any Thing in me, to ſide with the Temptation.

Temptation. If the Lord has caſt out my Enemy, may he keep him out for ever!

Tueſday 3. Glory be to GOD, that he has increaſed my Faith. Temptations aſſault; but they have no Place in me. Yet I was jealous over myſelf, leſt I ſpoke too much, with ſome of our Chriſtian Friends. How careful ſhould we be, particularly among Chriſtians! For then we are too apt to be moſt off our Guard.

Wedneſday 4. I find I am ſolemnly ſtaid on GOD: And my one Deſire is, to *comprehend the Length, and Breadth, and Depth, and Height* of that *Love which paſſeth Knowledge*. Yet the Enemy preſſes ſore at me with Temptations; but I have Power from GOD to ſtand againſt them. O how ſhall I praiſe the LORD for his Goodneſs? May Silence ſpeak his Praiſe!

Saturday 7. Glory be to GOD, he does increaſe my Faith. But I have been much troubled with wandering Thoughts. The LORD give me Power, to overcome them all, and look every Moment to my dear Redeemer!

Sunday 8. Glory be to GOD, that we have once more ſeen thy Servant, Mr. *John Weſley* in the Body. But this Morning, being glad to ſee our Friends, I doubt, I was carried away with over-much Joy. May the LORD keep me on ſuch Occaſions upon my Watch-tower for the Time to come!

Monday 9. Bleſſed be GOD, I can ſtill believe. Satan thruſts ſore at me with his fiery Darts. But they have no Point: they cannot enter my Soul: The LORD keeps me in the trying Hour.

Thurſday 12. I roſe with new Deſires to ſeek the LORD, and I found him at the Morning Preaching. After Dinner, ſome of our Neighbours were talking of one that had wronged them, and I thought it was better I ſhould be reading my Bible. So I withdrew. Glory be to GOD who gave me Light to ſee, and Power to take the ſafer Path. In the Evening ſome were pleading for a Wilderneſs-ſtate. I told them, That was not the Lord's Will concerning us: and I found Freedom to tell them what he had done for

my Soul. O may he keep me low at his Feet, depending upon him every Moment for freſh Supplies of Grace.

Friday 13. Thanks be to GOD, I am at Peace with GOD and all Men, and love them all for CHRIST's Sake. I ſee, I am myſelf all Weakneſs: Yet *I can do all Things through* CHRIST's *ſtrengthening me.* His Mercies are new unto me every Morning. O may he give me a thankful Heart!

Sunday 15. I was much tempted with wandering Thoughts at Church, and to Anger about the Children: But, Glory be to GOD, I perceived the Enemy in his firſt Approach, and looked for Strength, and received it. May the LORD give me a watchful, praying Spirit, and fill my Soul with humble Love!

Monday 16. Was the Quarterly Meeting, and Mr. *W.* was there. I wanted to go; but continually another and another Buſineſs interpoſed. I was often tempted to Impatience; but I ſaw the Temptation juſt as it came, and it fled away. At the Love-feaſt, I ſtood up to ſpeak: but I had only ſpoke two or three Words, when Mr. *Furz* (I ſuppoſe not hearing me) concluded. I was tempted to be diſpleaſed; but it took no Place, the Lord giving me Strength.

Tueſday 17. What a ſolemn Morning was this! Dear Mr. *W.* preached his Farewell Sermon. May the LORD graft it on my Heart, and brighten my Evidence more and more. I have had Reaſonings To-day, whether the Work was done: but, Glory be to GOD, I cannot doubt of it. I cannot doubt, but he has caſt out Sin. May he keep it out for ever.

Wedneſday 18. I am afraid, leſt I ſhould think ſomething of myſelf. O may the LORD keep the Foot of Pride from me! It is of His free Mercy that I am out of Hell, and that I am preſerved to this Hour. And I muſt ſtill periſh, if he were extreme to mark my Miſdoings, and if he did not waſh my moſt Holy Things in his Blood.

Thurſday 19. Bleſſed be GOD, I have been ſtayed upon him this Day, and deſiring to be filled with all his

his Fulneſs. O for this Spirit of Prayer at all Times, and in all Places, to *ſet the Lord always before me.*

Saturday 21. My whole Deſire is, to have every Thought, Word and Work, brought into the Obedience of CHRIST, and to have my Soul always aſcending to GOD, wherever I am, and whatever I am about this Evening. He was pleaſed to brighten my Evidence. May he waſh and keep me clean every Moment!

Wedneſday 25. This has been a Day of Temptation and Trial on every Side; but Glory be to GOD, I could rejoice in the Midſt of it. May the LORD always give me to ſee, between Sin and Temptaion!

Thurſday 26. I often feel a Soreneſs of Heart, as ſore as if it had been cutting. May the LORD give me to know, whether it is from Him, or from any Thing I have done amiſs. If it is, may he bring it to my Mind, that I may bring it to Him and have it done away.

Sunday 29. I have found this a ſolemn Day to my Soul: Eſpecially at Church in the Morning, at the Noon Preaching, and in the Afternoon, while Three of us were converſing together on Spiritual Things. O may we meet, where we ſhall caſt our Crowns before the Lamb, and praiſe him to all Eternity!

Monday 30. I know what the Soreneſs of Heart means. Truly *I am ſick of Love. Come into thy Garden, my Love, my Dove, Thou chieſeſt of Ten Thouſand!* O what amazing Love, that thou and thy Father ſhould condeſcend to dwell with Duſt and Aſhes! Thou GOD of Love, make me truly Thankful for all thy Benefits!

Thuſday October 3. This Morning the Body craved Reſt; but I forced myſelf to riſe. Indeed, my *Delight is in the Law of the* LORD, *and in his Law do I exerciſe myſelf Day and Night.* It was an happy Day. But toward Evening I was not ſo lively. My Body ſunk under me. And the Enemy of Souls is ready at every Turn. But, bleſſed be GOD, I was more than Conqueror.

Friday 4. I was greatly bleſſed with the Love of God. O how happy is it, to love him *with all our Heart?* Yet in the Afternoon, thro' Hurry of Buſineſs, I was much tempted to Peeviſhneſs. But Glory be to God, he ſaved me from it. Let me die rather than offend him!

Saturday 5. I went to bring Home my little Child from my Mother in-law's. On the Road I called to ſee a Neighbour, who aſked for my Huſband and Mother. I ſaid, without thinking, They gave their Service to her. But how was I ſurprized, as ſoon as the Words were out of my Mouth! I cried to God for Pardon, yet continued in Heavineſs all the Day, and at Night was almoſt afraid to go to ſleep. In the Morning, while ſeveral of us were at Prayer, it pleaſed God to ſet me at Liberty.

Tueſday 8. I had great Freedom in Prayer with my Friends, before I came away. I had a ſolemn Senſe of God all the Way Home, admiring his Wiſdom and Greatneſs and Goodneſs in all his Works. But I am afraid, when I ſaid, "Put the beſt Cloth "on my Pillion, not the Maid's," leſt there ſhould be Pride in it. If there was, Lord, take it all away, and ſave me from it for the Time to come!

Friday 11. I was much out of Order in Body, yet happy in Soul. But at Noon I ſpoke a Word unadviſedly, which afflicted me much. The Lord pardon me, and give me Power to watch over my every Thought, and Word, and Action!

Saturday 12. This being the Fair Day, was a Time of much Hurry: But, bleſſed be God, I was kept in Peace. And often I enjoy bleſſed Communion with God, and can, as it were, graſp my Saviour with earneſt Affection. Indeed he is precious to my Soul. He is all I deſire in Earth or Heaven.

Sunday 13. Thinking of going to *Truro*, I cut a Piece of Oil-caſe, and pinned on my Bonnet, to keep off the Rain. But it came to me ſoon after, "Have not you been doing Work on the Lord's-"day?" I was affrighted, and cried to God: and quickly his Peace flowed back into my Heart.

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Tueſday 15. I was aſſaulted by a ſtrong Temptation to Lightneſs. But, Glory be to GOD, I was not overcome. Afterwards I was roughly accuſed, for ſpeaking a Word that was not took well. If I ſinned therein, may the LORD humble me for it, and teach me to guard my Words. May I live no longer, but to adorn the Goſpel of GOD my Savionr.

Friday 18. I was tempted to ſet my Heart on our Garden. But I cried for Help, and was delivered. I hope to uſe both this, and every Thing elſe, with a ſingle Eye to the Glory of GOD. Bleſſed be GOD, I have ſolid, ſettled Peace; and find my Heart enlarged, to promote his Glory as far as lies in my Power. May he aſſiſt me, and keep me to the End.

Saturday 19. Glory be to GOD, I ſee and feel my own Weakneſs more and more. My Soul is greatly drawn out after GOD, for a larger Meaſure of Grace. O may I be throughly " willing to receive,

" What thy Goodneſs waits to give !"

Tueſday 22. This has been a Day of Trial, even from my neareſt Friend. But, Glory be to GOD, I have been kept in Peace; though without CHRIST I cannot ſtand a Moment. I long to be nearer CHRIST, and to have a more awful Senſe of GOD's Preſence in my worldly Buſineſs. LORD, take away the Spirit of Forgetfulneſs from me, and let me ſet thee always before me.

Friday 25. I was waked this Morning by the Cries of my little Child, who was very ill. I aſked the Maid to get up, and light the Fire. She was unwilling, and ſpoke quick. I anſwered quick, " I " wonder you can lie by the Child, and hear him " cry ſo." Immediately I felt a Danger of Anger, and ſtopped ſhort, Glory be to GOD.

Saturday 26. I kept my Bed moſt Part of the Day, and was likewiſe heavy in Spirit, aud had hardly any Power to pray. But in the Evening I was greatly comforted, in thinking how glorious the Change would be, *when this mortal* would *put an Immortality, and Death be ſwallowed up in Victory.*

Monday 28. My little Boy continued exceeding ill: I was quite reſigned concerning him, only deſiring it might pleaſe GOD, to eaſe his Pain, either by Life or by Death. But I want more Patience: I want a more feeling Senſe of the Sufferings of our LORD, which he endured for *me*, tho' he knew no Sin. And ſhall I, who deſerve Hell, complain of any Thing?

Saturday November 2. My Child being very unruly, I had a Struggle to avoid Anger in correcting her. May the LORD enable me, to keep my Watch every Moment; othewiſe I cannot but fall.

Monday 4. This has been a bleſſed Day of Communion with GOD, particularly in private Prayer. And yet I feel Sin and Satan always near. But I find CHRIST nearer ſtill.

Wedneſday 6. Glory be to GOD, my whole Deſire is, to know more of myſelf, and more of GOD: To ſee more of GOD in every Thing, and to be filled with a deeper Awe of his conſtant Preſence.

Thurſday 7. Bleſſed be the LORD for Patience, under the unkind Treatment of my neareſt and deareſt Friends. I have been this Week much drawn out in Prayer, for the Souls of all People. But I longed moſt of all for the Proſperity of *Sion*, and that the LORD might ever reign ſupreme in mine own Heart.

Tueſday 12. Some Part of the Day, I was dull and heavy; till I cried to the LORD, and he quickened me. In the Afternoon, when the Maid ſpoke, I felt Lightneſs flaſhing upon me as quick as Lightning. But the LORD lifted up his Standard againſt it: And it went as quick as it came. May he keep me from it as from the greateſt of Sins; for indeed there is no little Sin in the Sight of GOD.

Wedneſday 13. This has been a Day of ſtrong Prayer, and GOD has bleſſed me in a glorious Manner. Yet the Powers of Darkneſs ſurrounded me in private Prayer, ſo that ſometimes I was almoſt afraid. But I cried to the LORD, and he refreſhed my Soul; and I could ſay with clear Confidence, *Though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no Evil.*

Monday 18. I ſpoke a Word unawares, which I was afterwards afraid, was not true. Then it came to me, "Where is your clean Heart now?" But immediately I cried to GOD, "LORD, give me Power "to watch over my Words, and always to think before I ſpeak."

Wedneſday 20. Bleſſed be GOD, he has kept me this Day alſo, and refreſhed me with the Showers of his Grace. Yet the Enemy queſtioned my Evidence, and ſaid, it was only Juſtification which I experienced. But I know him to be a Liar from the Beginning. Afterwards, in the Hurry of Buſineſs, he ſtrove to ſow Peeviſhneſs in me: but I begged the LORD to keep me from it, and he heard me.

Saturday 23. I was heavy in Soul, and had many profane Words brought before me. Sometimes alſo it was ſuggeſted, "Thou wilt deſtroy thyſelf:" at other Times, "Thou haſt committed the unpardon-"able Sin." The LORD keep me in the Hour of Temptation, and from the Hour of Temptation!

Monday 25. This was a bleſſed Day to my Soul. My Mind was ſolemnly ſtayed upon GOD. All the Clouds were diſperſed, and the Sun of Righteouſneſs ſhone upon me again.

Tueſday 26. Our Leader not coming, I was deſired to lead the Band. It was a Croſs to me, for fear I ſhould not diſcharge my Duty. But the LORD gave me a Word to ſpeak to each, and Power to wreſtle for them in Prayer. Yet at Night, I had much reaſoning, Whether I had ſpoken Right; and then it was ſuggeſted, I had done well. The LORD give me Power to flee from Pride, in every Kind and Degree!

Thurſday 28. Bleſſed be GOD, CHRIST was exceeding precious to me this Morning. O what Love had I for CHRIST! the LORD fill me with Love every Moment!

Saturday 30. I find my ſhort Comings daily, and am amazed at the Goodneſs of GOD. I was much diſtreſt this Evening, becauſe I did not take up my Croſs, and give Thanks after Tea, though we had Strangers.

Strangers. The LORD pardon me for it, and make me bolder for the Time to come!

Tueſday December 3. Bleſſed be GOD, he raiſed me up to hear his Word. And it was Spirit and Life to my Soul. O what has he done for me, a Sinner? He has ſaved me both from Guilt and from in-bred Corruption, and has filled me with Love. Now let *Patience have its perfect Work!*

Wedneſday 4. Pride has preſented itſelf To-day: but I looked unto GOD, and there was nothing in me to join with it: Glory be to his Name! I found great Love to my Siſters, and to ſome in particular. Sometimes I think, whether it is only a natural Love: but I am ſoon aſſured, I love them only for CHRIST's Sake. Indeed my Heart is inlarged toward all Mankind; though particularly the People of GOD. But I want more Faith and Patience. I want to be more humble and meek. O may I be all like a little Child!

Friday 6. I uſed Abſtinence; and mourned, that I could not deny myſelf more. When I think, what my LORD ſuffered for *me*, what a little is it, to ſuffer the Loſs of an ordinary Meal for him? O may it be *my Meat and Drink, to do his* bleſſed *Will* on Earth, as it is done in Heaven!

Saturday 7. I adviſed with ſome of my Friends, about dreſſing Meat on *Sunday*. So I dreſſed Meat To-night for our Dinner To-morrow, according to their Advice, and reſoved hereafter (whoever was pleaſed or diſpleaſed) to obey GOD rather than Man. I had afterward ſome ſharp Words concerning it: but *a ſoft Anſwer turned away Wrath.*

Thurſday 10. We had ſharp Words again To-day. But, Glory be to GOD, I had Patience. I did not make any Reply, and found nothing but Love in my Heart. May GOD give me the whole Mind which was in my bleſſed LORD!

Thurſday 12. Amidſt the Troubles and Trials of the ungodly, I had the refreſhing Springs of my LORD's Love and Grace. At Night I was dull and ſleepy before Family-Prayer: but then the LORD quickened my Soul. I have been begging of him to-day

to-day more Faith, more Watchfulneſs, more Humility: More Underſtanding in his Word, more Knowledge of Satan's Devices, and Power to ſhun them at the firſt Approach. And O may he waſh my beſt Peformances in his precious Blood! May I ſtill take great Delight in the Law of the LORD, and *keep his Commandments with my whole Heart!*

Sunday 15. After I went To-bed, I was much diſtreſt, for cutting a Ribband to wear. I was never till now convinced, that it was profaning the Lord's-day: Bleſſed be GOD for convincing me now! O what Trouble was I in for a Quarter of an Hour! But I cried to GOD, and he roſe on my Soul again. May He abide therein, till Time ſhall commence a glorious Eternity!

Tueſday 17. I had a difficult Taſk in the Evening, being obliged to lead the Band. O how inſufficient am I for ſuch a Work! I did not think it was ſo great a Thing before. The LORD pardon whatever I ſaid amiſs. There ſeemed to be a Cloud over us in Prayer. If the Cauſe was in *me*, the LORD reveal it, and take it away, for CHRIST's Sake!

Sunday 22. The Enemy preſented Pride to me: but, bleſſed be GOD, I looked to Him, and it fled away. I hope, he will never be able any more to ſow this Seed in my Heart.

Monday 23. Glory be to GOD, I have found more Love to my dear Saviour To-day than ever I did. O what hungring and thirſting did I feel, to do his Will, as it is in Heaven?

Wedneſday 25. This has been a bleſſed Day to my Soul; though I was grieved for the Sloth of ſome of our Family, who would not riſe to the early Preaching. The LORD ſtir them up to redouble their Diligence. The Enemy accuſed me to-day, of going with too much Boldneſs to the LORD's Table. But I know it is only Free Grace that has enabled me ſo to do.

Friday 27. This has been a Day of Trial: but bleſſed be GOD, I was kept in perfect Peace. Yet I could not but feel Heavineſs for my dear Friends, to think of their precious, never-dying Souls. The

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Lord give me a more tender Concern for them, and enable me to pray for them, and never ceaſe.

Tueſday 31. I ſpoke an improper Word, which threw me into great Heavineſs. But I cried to God, "Lord, thou knoweſt, I would not offend thee wil-"lingly: I would ſooner put my Hand in the Fire." And he was graciouſly pleaſed to bleſs me that Inſtant. But I ſaw, while I was at Prayer, that I had been talking about Religion in too light a Manner. The Lord pardon me, and give more Awe and Reverence, for the Time to come!

Wedneſday January 1, 1766. I found an Increaſe of Love to God and his People. In the Evening the Power of God was upon the Congregation, in a glorious Manner. We *ſat under the Droppings of his Sanctuary*, and rejoiced in him with Joy unſpeakable.

Thurſday 2. Glory be to God, my Heart was inlarged, to love him with every Faculty of my Soul, with moſt ardent Love to the Children of God, and tender Affection to all Men.

Tueſday 7. My dear M— raged againſt me much. Lord lay not the Sin to her Charge! And ſay to the Enemy, "Hitherto ſhalt thou go, and no farther." I am much out of Order in Body, and do not find my Spirit ſo lively as it was; perhaps through bodily Weakneſs. But I can ſtill rejoice in God, and love him with all my Heart.

Thurſday 9. I was tempted to Peeviſhneſs this Morning; but I prayed, and it found no Place in me. I had likewiſe Thoughts about my Huſband, becauſe he did not come Home ſo ſoon as I expected. But I looked to the Lord, and was reſigned to whatever he would pleaſe to lay upon me.

Saturday 11. This has been a Day of ſore Temptation: Yet mine Enemy gained no Advantage over me. But I want to bear the Croſs more chearfully; for to-day I wept under it: though it was only, to think one who profeſſed Religion, ſhould act ſo contray to it.

Sunday

Sunday 12. The Enemy was let looſe upon me inwardly, as well as outwardly. He ſuggeſted, "What will become of thee? Thou wilt make an "End of thyſelf, and be caſt away at laſt." I had ſcarce Power to look to GOD, and thought it did not ſignify to ſtrive any more. But, before I ſlept, he returned and healed my Soul. May he give more Liberty, Love and Power!

Saturday 18. I have been much out of Order for ſeveral Days, and have not roſe to the Morning Preaching. If there is any Sloth in me, the LORD give me to ſee it: I am not ſenſible of it. And I hope the LORD accepts of the Will, as the Power is taken from me. In the Evening, my Brother-in-law being with us, and my Huſband being unwilling to pray, I delayed praying till my Brother was gone to Bed. But it came to me afterward, "*Who art Thou that* "*thou art afraid of a Man that ſhall die?*" The LORD pardon me for it. I hope, whether my Huſband prays or no, I ſhall not omit it for the Time to come.

Monday 27. Glory be to GOD for his unbounded Mercies, to ſuch a Rebel as me! What Bleſſings has he given me this Day? How happy have I been in his Love? May he *keep the Door of my Mouth*, that I may never more ſpeak unadviſedly with my Lips! And above all, may he keep my Heart, that I may no more *reaſon* againſt him.

Wedneſday 29. Bleſſed be GOD, CHRIST has been exceeding precious to me to-day. O how my Heart was inlarged to poor Souls! If I could have my Liberty, I would ſpend all my Time in the Service of GOD, and have nothing to do with the World. Yet I ſee my own Helpleſneſs more and more, and that it is of pure Love I am out of Hell.

Friday 31. To-day I have had a ſolemn Senſe of GOD, while I was in my Buſineſs, and much Watchfulneſs over my Words, ſaying continually in my Heart, "*The* LORD *ſees me!*" Glory be to his Name!

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Monday February 3. Glory be to GOD, this has been a ſolemn Day to my Soul. In the Evening my poor M— raged greatly: but I was enabled to ſtand in the Hour of Trial.

Sunday 9. Bleſſed be GOD, my Evidence was as clear as the Shining of the Sun. Yet in the Evening I was much tempted by the Enemy, cauſing many wicked Oaths to paſs before my Mind. But in the Midſt of all I could rejoice in GOD, knowing in whom I had believed.

Monday 10. Bleſſed be GOD, I deſire nothing, but to drink deeper and deeper of his Spirit. I ſee my Evidence clear; but I ſee more and more of my own Weakneſs, and long to live more to his Glory. I am jealous over myſelf, becauſe I do not riſe in the Morning as I uſed to do. Surely it is not becauſe I ſhun the Croſs: for I do love him with all my whole Heart. May he deepen his Work of Grace in my Soul, and ſtamp his whole Image upon my Heart!

Friday 21. Two Men coming in, one of whom was in Drink, as we were going to drink Tea, I thought it would be more Form than Devotion, to aſk a Bleſſing openly. So I ſhunn'd the Croſs. But I ſuffered for it afterward. The LORD be praiſed, that he did not enter into Judgment with me, but gave me Time to draw near him through the Son of his Love. May he make me more fruitful for the future.

Saturday 22. I was twice tempted to-day to Anger in the Shape of Zeal. But I ſaw the Snare, bleſſed be GOD, and fled from it. In the Evening I was much diſtreſt with Wanderings in the public Service: all which, I believe, proceeded from my Omiſſion Yeſterday. The LORD help me to watch and pray more, leſt I enter inso Temptation!

Monday 25. At the Love Feaſt, I was in Pain moſt of the Time, longing to break through: and yet I could not declare what GOD had done for my Soul. The LORD pardon me for my Omiſſion! I believe

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he is deepening his Work in me. He does *ſit upon* me *as a Refiner's Fire.*

Thurſday 27. Glory be to GOD, he diſcovers more and more of his Love, to me the unworthieſt of his Creatures. Yet, I doubt, I was not ſo watchful as I ought, ſome Part of this Day. And, I fear, I lay in Bed too long this Morning. The LORD help me to uſe more Violence to myſelf!

Monday, March 3. Glory be to GOD, I enjoy perfect Peace amidſt the Storms of an ungrateful World. In Trials from the World, and Trials from them of my own Houſhold, He is my ſtrong Hold, to which I always reſort. Yet I find the Company of the World a great Burden, when I am obliged to be with them in my Buſineſs. I want Power to reprove them more. The LORD help me in this alſo!

Thurſday 6. Glory be to GOD, I am amazed when I think of his Goodneſs and my Unworthineſs. How did he bleſs me this Evening at the Room? I found I was all *Light in the* LORD. How pure has he made my Heart through Faith! It is all of Grace, Free Grace. This was a Day of Trial: but, bleſſed be GOD, it was no Trial to *me*, becauſe the LORD took off the Burden. Only I was concerned for their Souls. LORD, ſave them, for thy dear Name's Sake!

Monday 10. Glory be to GOD for the Bleſſings of this Day. O how did he bleſs me this Evening? I wept to ſee the Goodneſs of GOD in CHRIST JESUS toward me and all poor Sinners. I find indeed a buſy Foe. But his Grace is ſufficient for me. I have my Evidence ſtill clear. The LORD give me to pray always: make me Thankful, keep me Humble, and keep me to the End!

Thurſday 13. I was attacked with a light Spirit to-day, which I dread and abhor. And all the Company was aſſaulted with it at the ſame Time: but the LORD ſent us Help in Time of Need.

Friday 21. I roſe to the preaching this Morning, though my Body complained. Still, in the Midſt of Trials, my Deſire is, to know more of GOD, and to live nearer to him. I had Peace all this Day, and

Power to look to God, in all the Hurry of my Buſineſs. Glory be to his Holy Name, all is Bleſſing, Temporal and Spiritual.

Sunday 23. I was much grieved at Church, to hear People mocking God, by ſaying what they do not believe, and what they will flatly deny, as ſoon as they are out of Church. It made me doubt, whether I ought to go to Church or not? But I conſidered, I am not to look to Them: I am to look to God only.

Monday 31. Bleſſed be God, that I am out of Hell, that I have Hope of ſeeing him in Glory, and that he gives me now to commune with him, even as a Man with his Friend. Yet I want to be more watchful over my Words. I believe it is my Privilege, to ſpeak no more Words than are neceſſary, and to the Glory of God. The Lord pardon me, for ſpeaking amiſs to-day, and keep me every Moment watching unto Prayer!

Tueſday, April 1. This has been a Day of bleſſed Humiliation to my Soul, on Account of my paſt Life. I ſtand amazed at the Goodneſs of God toward me. Bleſſed be his Name, for giving me this Evenneſs of Mind. But I have need, to come out of myſelf more, and to rely more on Christ: The Lord increaſe my Faith, and enable me ſo to do!

Friday 11. Bleſſed be God, for the Peace I ſtill enjoy, amidſt a World of Buſineſs: But I want to ſink down continually into the Depths of humble Love. I have not to-day had ſo much Comfort as I often enjoy. But I can rely upon my God: and I can appeal to Him, it is my one Care, to pleaſe him in all Things.

Sunday 13. Glory be to God, for a Peace that paſſeth all Underſtanding. But I have not felt ſo much of his quickning Power to-day as in Time paſt. I have examined myſelf, and beſought the Lord to ſhew me, if there was any Evil in me. I do not find any; and it came to me, *Stand ſtill, and ſee the Salvation of* God. I have a ſolid Peace: and though I have not ſo much Livelineſs in Duty as uſual, yet I find

find more Watchfulneſs over my Words and Actions. But ſtill how ſhort am I of what I would be?

Sunday 20. Bleſſed be GOD, for giving me a reſigned Will, in the Hour of Trial. It has been expected theſe Three Days, that every Moment would be the laſt with my dear little Boy. Yet he keeps my Mind in perfect Peace. But the Enemy is very Buſy, accuſing me of Hard-heartedneſs, for not weeping more. However, I am kept in the Fire and in Water. And the LORD prepare me for whatever I have to go through!

Friday 25. I am at preſent much fatigued in Body, and very low in Spirits. The LORD was pleaſed to take my dear little *George* to himſelf on *Wedneſday* Morning. He ſupported me in a wonderful Manner: but I have found the Trial nearer to-day than ever. The LORD grant I may not grieve his Holy Spirit! And whatever thy purer Eyes have ſeen amiſs in me already, cover with the Mantle of Forgiving Love! May we humble ourſelves under thy mighty Hand! May it be a Means of preſſing us cloſer to thee! And may we follow on, to meet our dear Infants, in the upper and better World!

Saturday 26. Glory be to GOD, that I am ſtill on praying Ground. His Grace is ſtill ſufficient for me, though I find a trying World, and a tempting Enemy: Sometimes I feel my Child very near. The LORD pardon me, if it is wrong! Give me more of the Life and Power of GOD in my Soul, and keep me from a dead Form of Religion!

Sunday 27. Since laſt Night, I have been in Heavineſs through Temptations againſt my Huſband. O LORD, be pleaſed to diſperſe the Cloud, and ſhine on thy own Work! Beſides, we have been expoſed to-day, to the Company of carnal Friends. LORD, pardon our Backwardneſs in reproving, and give us more Courage for GOD, and make us thankful, that He hath made us to differ, and give me more of that Fire of Love in my Heart!

Tueſday 29. Glory be to GOD, he returned to his Temple this Evening. The Meeting of the Bands

was a bleſſed Means of Grace to *me*. When our Brethren and Siſters ſpoke of the Goodneſs of GOD, it was Spirit and Life to my Soul. Yet I was my ſelf backward to ſpeak, and when I attempted it, was ſeized with Trembling all over. But at laſt, bleſſed be GOD, he opened my Mouth, and then all my Burden dropt off. LORD help me always to tell of thy Goodneſs, and keep me in thy Laws, till Grace end in Glory!

Thurſday, May 1. I have kept my Bed moſt of the Day, being in much Pain. O how unfit are we at ſuch a Time, for ſo great a Work as working out our Salvation! Let none poſtpone their Repentance to a Sick-bed: It is Work enough then, to ſtruggle with Sickneſs and Pain. But how pleaſant is a Sick-bed, when perfumed with the Love of GOD, and when we have a precious CHRIST in our Boſom? Come Life, come Death, with my dear JESUS, and Life or Death is ſweet.

Tueſday 6. LORD, I beg this one Thing at thy Hand, the Salvation of my dear Mother! She is now under thy afflicting Hand. Be pleaſed to ſanctify her Affliction: And let it be to the Saving of her Soul, for thy dear Son's Sake.

Wedneſday 14. Glory be to GOD, he has given me to-day a Sight of myſelf and of my numberleſs Infirmities. But he has not been extreme to mark what was done amiſs: Bleſſed be his Name for JESUS CHRIST! O that I may have more of the Mind that was in him, more of a meek, quiet, teachable Spirit. May I now begin! May I now ſet out with double Diligence! May I run, and not be weary; walk, and not faint!

Friday 16. I had Reaſoning about going to Church, whether it was *neceſſary* to go ſo often? But when I brought it to the Word of GOD, I ſaw, after we have done all, we are unprofitable Servants. LORD let me not be ignorant of Satan's Devices: And let me reſiſt him ſtedfaſt in the Faith.

Thurſday 22. Yeſterday I was troubled concerning one of our Brethren; but reſolved to tell no one

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what I heard, unleſs himſelf or his Wife. This Afternoon they came to my Houſe, and I told them all I had heard. They told me juſt how the Thing was, and I found it was a meer Miſtake, So Satan was diſappointed of his Aim, and our Love to each other confirmed.

Sunday 25. Hearing of the Diſtreſs of ſome of my Neighbours, my Heart overflowed with Thankfulneſs, to think GOD had provided me and mine with temporal Bleſſings alſo. His Care was over me in my Youth likewiſe, not leaving me to my own Choice. But I praiſe him above all, for his pardoning Love, and for full Redemption through the Blood of JESUS.

Thurſday 29. Glory be to GOD, I found an unſpeakable Bleſſing at the Morning Preaching, and again in private Prayer; but above all, at the Meeting of the Select Society. And, I think, ſo did every one preſent. I was at firſt unwilling to ſpeak; but I knew, not to ſpeak would be grieving the Spirit of GOD. So I broke through, as did ſeveral others: And we were all ſo filled with Conſolation, that we could only ſay,

"Enlarge our Heart, to make thee room."

Thurſday, June 5. Glory be to GOD, that he hath given me a thankful Heart, for his Love toward me even in my early Days! How did his kind Hand preſerve me, when I did not know him? How did it carry me through the heedleſs Steps of Youth, keep me from the Malice and Intrigues of all my Enemies, and at laſt bring me to his dear Self, and to the Knowledge of his Love! And though the Storms now riſe high, yet, bleſſed be his Name, all is calm within. LORD, be pleaſed to have Pity upon Satan's Inſtruments, and ſave their dear Souls. I find nothing riſes in my Heart againſt them: but I am conſtrained to mourn for them: Eſpecially for thoſe who have known GOD, and do not live to his Glory.

Tueſday 10. I find it a heavy Burden to be in the Company even of thoſe that are called civil People. But as I am called to take up this Croſs, may the

LORD enable me to bear it. LORD, let me rely wholly on Thee. I feel thou art all in all! Thou art my Strength, as well as my Righteouſneſs. Without Thee I can do no Thing.

Tueſday 17. I did not enjoy ſo large a Meaſure of Love as I have ſometimes done. What is the Reaſon I know not: the LORD pardon me for it, and give me to ſee that all my doings are as filthy Rags in the Sight of a pure GOD: And that I want the precious Blood of my dear Redeemer to interpoſe for me every Moment. I feel the ſame Want of Him that ever I did: I believe I am written on the Palms of his Hands. But ſtill I want more of the Life and Power of Religion: I am hungry and thirſty after this.

Wedneſday 18. I was tempted this Morning to Reſentment: but, Glory be to GOD, it could not enter. LORD, ſearch me and prove me, empty me of myſelf and fill me all with GOD. For ever waſh, and keep me clean, and let CHRIST be all in all.

Wedneſday 25. I found Indifference about going to Church. I begged of the LORD to direct me, and immediately the Reaſonings diſappeared. In the Afternoon I poured out my Soul before him, and prayed till I could ſcarce ſpeak. I long for a cloſer Communion with GOD, and for more Wiſdom and Underſtanding in his Ways.

Tueſday, July 8. Glory be to GOD, I am ſtill the Monument of his Free Mercy. Amidſt a World of Buſineſs and Hurry, I ſtill enjoy Peace, and commune with GOD, as a Man with his Friend. I have not ſo much Joy as in Time paſt; but my Faith is ſtrong, and I enjoy a calm Peace. And when Temptation comes as a Flood, his Spirit lifts up a Standard againſt it. Meeting in Band at Night, I was quite ſtript, and felt my Nothingneſs. Glory be to GOD, that I am out of Hell, becauſe his Compaſſions fail not.

Tueſday 22. Glory be to GOD, I am ſtill aſſured that the LORD has given me a clean Heart, and renewed a right Spirit within me; and I can have no Doubt of it, though I am not ſo overflowed with Joy

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in the Means of Grace, as I have been. But I have a Calmneſs and Power which I never had in ſo great a Degree, in the Midſt of the cloſeſt Trials. Only I am grieved for the Sinners, and pray that the LORD would pluck them as Brands out of the Burning.

Friday 25. This Evening I have been at the Interment of an Acquaintance. What Nothings we are, and how ſoon turned to our Mother Earth? Should not this Thought cauſe us to live in Love and Peace with all Men? And to live as expecting the Meſſenger of Death every Moment?

Saturday, Auguſt 2. I have been for ſeveral Days much diſordered in Body. In my Illneſs I had hardly Power to pray, or to do any Thing. O may I prize Health more, and make full Uſe of it, when the LORD ſends it. Glory be to GOD, I had no Fear of Death, and no anxious Care for my Children. I only wanted more Power to praiſe GOD. And will he not give That and all Things? *O cleanſe me from my ſecret Faults!* And let no Sin ever more prevail over me!

Wedneſday 6. Bleſſed be thy Name, I do not find any Thing within to cloſe with Temptation. Yeſterday Anger preſented as quick as Thought; but it found no Entrance. Yet Shame covered me, for fear any that were preſent might diſcern the Appearance of it. And I begged the LORD to ſhew me, if there was any evil Root left? As far as I know myſelf, I do not find there is: I do firmly believe, He hath purified me from all Sin. But I am big with the Deſire of living nearer GOD: O how dear was he to me this Night? Thou art altogether lovely: thou art fairer than the Sons of Men.

Thurſday 14. Glory be to GOD, there has been a Cry in my dear Mother's Soul all this Day. LORD, increaſe it! Thou haſt ſet her Sins in Array before her. May ſhe never reſt till ſhe reſts in Thee!

Friday 22. I went three or four Miles this Evening to the Preaching: My Mind was ſolemnly ſtayed on GOD; but I was not very lively: My Huſband being talking moſt of the Way about worldly Affairs. O

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LORD, direct him in all his Ways, and let nothing hurt his precious Soul.

Saturday 30. I have been much disordered in Body all this Day; but, Glory be to GOD, have enjoyed Calmness of Spirit. Yet I have been grieved to see some of my Family, so busy about the World, and so little concerned for their poor Souls, but trifling away their precious Moments. LORD, let me redeem the Time! Let me never rest in any Thing I have attained: but still press on, till I know all that Love of GOD that passeth Knowledge!

Thursday, September 4. Blessed be GOD for the Comfort I had in hearing dear Mr. *W.* at *Penryn*. I was tempted to Impatience, both in the Morning, when my Husband stayed long before he set out: and at Noon, when I was disappointed of being in Mr. *W's* Company. But I looked up, and felt nothing but Calmness and Quietness of Spirit.

Tuesday 9. I waked betwen Four and Five, with Praises in my Mouth. Glory be to GOD, I find an inlarged Heart, to run the Ways of the LORD with great Delight. His Love is sweeter than Honey, to my Taste, and my Will is swallowed up in His.

Sunday 14. A Cold almost disabled me from Speaking, which gave me to see the great Blessing of Speech. LORD, help me to use it more to thy Glory! This Afternoon, blessed be GOD, we had the Happiness of having dear Mr. *W's* Company. LORD imprint his Exhortations deep on my Heart! And may all the Words he delivered be watered with the Dew of thy heavenly Grace!

Tuesday 16. Glory be to GOD, he has kept me in the Hour of strong Temptation. The Enemy bears me a tyrannous Hatred, and stirs up my Bosom Friends against me. LORD, thou knowest they lay to my Charge Things I know not. But thou art to me a Place of broad Rivers. And *these light Afflictions will work out for* me *an eternal Weight of Glory*.

Wednesday, October 1. Blessed be GOD, he keeps me in Trials from those who are nearest and dearest to me.

me. What a powerful Energy has Love? It keeps my Soul in perfect Peace, while all around me is Storm and Tempeſt.

Saturday 25. I have the greateſt Reaſon to bleſs God of any Creature: for he gives me great Hope, that my dear Huſband will not proceed on his intended Voyage. He ſeems at length to ſee the Strength of the Objections againſt it. I wept over him laſt Night, and reaſoned with him in much Love, till One a Clock in the Morning. And, Glory be to God, whatever it was to *him*, it was a bleſſed Means of Grace to *me*.

Monday, November 3. At Night I was much frighted between ſleeping, I believe by the Enemy. I was afraid I had offended my Lord, by not going to Church Yeſterday in the Afternoon. I beſought the Lord to pardon me for the Omiſſion; and he ſoon ſpoke the Anſwer to my Heart.

Wedneſday 5. Glory be to God for the Bleſſings of this Day, and for giving me more Patience and more Watchfulneſs. Indeed I was tempted to Anger againſt my Huſband, and afterwards to Lightneſs. But Help was at Hand. O that I may be more thankful! Lord, may thy pure Love always fill my Soul: and do thou water me every Moment!

Monday 24. I was calm and ſerene all this Day, and had Power to reſtrain my Words. But in the Evening I was much tempted, when one told me, Mr. *Maſon* deſigned to make me Leader of a Band. I found it hard to leave my Siſters, and harder ſtill to undertake ſo important a Charge. When he gave me the Paper the next Day, I was cloſely exerciſed. And when I came to the Band, it was a great Mountain, and I was full of Shame and Confuſion. But when I began to ſpeak, I found a little Freedom, and, bleſſed be God, he helped my Infirmity. Afterwards I found the ſame Power to pray, as if we had been together ſome Time. Lord, bleſs us together, and let me be always little, and baſe, and vile in my my own Eyes!

Friday

Friday 28. Glory be to GOD, this has been a bleſſed Day. My Soul has been full of Love to the People of GOD, my Band in particular. And the LORD gives me more Light into myſelf, more Freedom from Wanderings and even Reaſonings, and more Power to check my own Spirit. But O! the mighty Void I ſaw in myſelf! I never ſaw it ſo before. This conſtrained me to wreſtle with the LORD: And he did not ſend me empty away.

Monday, December 1. Glory be to GOD, the Sun of Righteouſneſs ſhone on my Soul all the Day long. Whenever Satan was nigh, I looked to Him, and was inſtantly ſaved. He gave me a clear Sight of the Work of GOD on my Soul, and a brighter Evidence than ever, accompanied with the pure Streams of his Love pouring down into my Heart.

Friday 5. Glory be to GOD, I found a tender Conſcience, and Power to ſet the LORD always before me. And I can now enjoy my GOD in my Buſineſs, as well as my Duty. My Heart is conſtantly ſtayed upon Him, and I long for more of that living Principle within. O that thou wouldſt fill me with Heaven, with Love, with GOD.

Saturday 6. I find my Soul is, as a Well of Water, ſpringing up into everlaſting Life. But I thirſt for more. Bleſſed be GOD, he does keep my Soul in perfect Peace, and in the Midſt of Fire and Water, give me Patience, with an Hope full of Immortality. But I feel a great Soreneſs of Spirit, for thoſe of my Family. LORD, give them to know themſelves, and direct them in all Things! Take the Cauſe into thine Hands, and enable me, to ſtand ſtill, and ſee the Salvation of GOD.

Tueſday 12. Glory be to GOD, I enjoy Peace and Power, in the Midſt of Multitudes and Hurry of Buſineſs. My Eye is ſtill ſingle toward the Mark of my high Calling, and my one Deſire, to live more to GOD.

Friday 19. It was a Croſs to me to riſe in the Morning, but I was well rewarded for taking it up.

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I was very lively all Day; but in the Afternoon was ſuddenly tempted to Lightneſs; ſo were all of us afterwards who met in Band; but the Temptation ſoon fled away. My Soul is alive to GOD, and only longs to fathom more of the Depths of humble Love.

Monday 22. My Soul's Deſire this Day has been, to ſink down into the Depth of Humility. I ſee my Helpleſneſs, and feel the Want of my Redeemer's Merits every Moment. But how often does my own Will preſent itſelf! Yet it prevails nothing. I want to be always as Clay in the Hands of the Potter, and to be all moulded into Love! As far as I know, I do love the LORD with all my Heart. But I want to have all vain Reaſonings deſtroyed.

Saturday, January 3, 1767. I was greatly bleſſed to-night, in a weeping State, and mourned before the LORD for the Sins of others. Yet at ſome Times, Quickneſs preſented itſelf, but only as a flying Cloud. I found a great Reverence to-night, while I ſaid, Our Father. May this awful Senſe of his Majeſty reſt upon me, whereſoever I go!

Thurſday 8. I was tempted to think lightly of my Huſband, as if he was always aſking, but not watching. I was much diſordered in Body, which weighed down my Mind when I waited on the LORD in private. But, on reading the Second Chapter of *Zechariah*, my Soul revived greatly: and I had a lively Senſe of his ſparing Mercy; but ſtill more, in talking with a dear Friend. I could then ſee, what a Sinner I had been in Times paſt, in wiſhing for my own Will; and could bleſs the LORD, that not my Will, but his, had taken Place. O, may a due Senſe of the Love and Mercies of GOD be ever engraven on my Heart!

Tueſday 13. Glory be to GOD for ſhewing me, I had done amiſs, in reproving my Huſband before Company, and for giving me to be humbled on the Account, and to acknowledge my Fault. And bleſſed be GOD for the Chriſtian Converſation we have had together

together this Evening, wherein we have ſeen, what Advantage Satan had gained over us in Time paſt. We had Power to ſpeak to one another with all Freedom, of the State of our Souls; and I truſt this will be the Beginning of happy Days between us.

Sunday 18. Bleſſed be GOD, I have to-day found much Life and Light in my Soul at Church. And I had a ſolomn Time, in accompanying the Relicks of Siſter *Harris* to the Grave. We fulfilled our Promiſe, in ſinging her Body to Church, as we did her Soul to Glory. I was afterwards tempted both to Lightneſs and to Impatience; but I bleſs GOD, I remain in Peace and Love. My Deſire is, to know myſelf as I am known of GOD, and to live no longer than I live to Him.

Friday 23. Glory be to GOD, though the Enemy rages, I enjoy a calm Peace in my Soul. But this Evening I found little Power to pray. I believe it was owing to Diſorder of Body. Yeſterday I kept my Bed all Day. I am ſtill much indiſpoſed. But I was much delighted with the Amiableneſs of CHRIST. And I ſaw the great Need we have of him, and ſhall have, when we ſtand naked before GOD. I ſaw the Worth of CHRIST exceedingly, and loathed myſelf and all my own Performances: Yet being perſuaded, that neither Life, nor Death, nor Things preſent, nor Things to come, ſhould ever ſeparate me from his Love.

Tueſday, February 3. I have been confined to my Bed by a Fever, from *Saturday* till to-day. I found not much Joy, but Patience and Peace, and ſweet Tranquillity of Mind: eſpecially when Siſter *Pearce* prayed with me. I found a longing Deſire to ſee ſome of my other Siſters. But, when one of them came, I could not ſpeak to her at firſt, I was ſo overcome with Joy. The LORD bleſſed us in the Afternoon alſo, when Mr. *Story* prayed with us. Glory be to his Holy Name, for Chriſtian Converſation; and for all the other Helps we enjoy, to make our Calling and Election ſure.

Monday

Monday 23. All Yesterday and To-day, I have been much disordered by the Colick. At Six this Evening I bowed before God in Prayer, and gave myself up to him. I then resolved to try, whether I could not go to the Preaching. I went, and was better after it than before. While I was in strong Pain, the Enemy thrust sore at me: But I did not give Place to him for a Moment. Blessed be God for a tender Conscience! I find, if ever I speak a Word unawares; if it is not right, I see it immediately, and am grieved that I was not more on my Guard. Lord, help me to watch and pray every Moment, that all my Words may be to Edification!

Monday, March 2. Blessed be God, for the Love I have felt Yesterday and To-day, under the Preaching of Mr. *Haim*. O may it sink deep in my Heart, and spring up into eternal Life! I find Satan is continually tempting; but he has no Success. I want to be more of a Child-like Spirit; to live more in Christ, and always near to God.

Thursday 5. My Husband and Maid both being sick, my Body has been much exercised this Week. But, Glory be to God, I have enjoyed constant Peace, and many blessed Refreshings. Nor have I found one anxious Thought concerning their living or dying.

Sunday 15. God was pleased this Week to afflict my Body with Sickness. I mostly kept my Bed. Sometimes I had Doubts. Is it not, because I do not speak more to my poor Mother? Or because I have taken too much upon me, in being Leader of a Band? But these Doubts did not trouble me so much as the close Reflections I had from my Husband. Twice I wept concerning it; but then I thought, *the Sorrow of the World worketh Death*. I looked to the Lord, and he delivered me. And I said to him, Shall I one Day see thy Face, without a Veil between? And shall I stand at thy right Hand, in the great Day of Accounts? And how clear an Assurance of it did he give me! I find earnest Desires to drink deeper of his Spirit, that I may be always the same, all of a-

piece at all Times and in all Places, and may have a ſolemn Awe reſting upon me, in Buſineſs and Company, eſpecially among Profeſſors of Religion.

Thurſday 25. I was much grieved this Evening at the Stubbornneſs of my Child. LORD, bleſs the Correction, and give her thy Grace, whatever thou with-holdeſt from her! And help me to diſcharge my Duty toward my Children, in this and in all Things.

Thurſday, April 2. I ſaw more than ever the Neceſſity of ſimply following my bleſſed LORD: And the great Need of Grace, rather than Gifts; although Gifts alſo are great Bleſſings. LORD, on whomſoever they are beſtowed, may they beg thy Aid, to uſe them ſingly to thy Glory. I find an encreaſing Zeal for GOD and his People. I long to live more to GOD, and to have leſs to do with the World, and am ſometimes tempted againſt my Huſband, for incumbring himſelf ſo much with it. Yet I am thankful to GOD for theſe outward Bleſſings: But my whole Aim is, to be more devoted to GOD.

Wedneſday 8. I want to have every Thought brought into Obedience to CHRIST: And to feel continually this awful Senſe of the Preſence of the great GOD! I have had a thankful and a melting Heart, to think what bleſſed Helps my Children have in their tender Years; and indeed, in looking back on my own Life, and on the bleſſed Showers of Grace, which GOD has poured upon me, from Time to Time, in Chriſtian Converſation. LORD, give me a thankful Heart, and fulfil in me all the good Pleaſure of thy Will!

Monday 20. Glory be to GOD, that I am out of Hell, and that I ſtill find, GOD is a GOD of Love. My Deſire is, to begin now; to live this Moment; and believe for the next. I have been for ſome Time confined to my Bed, and am ſtill confined to my Room. But all is well, while I am enabled, in every State, to be content. I have had a Week of cloſe Trials and Temptations; but of deep Conſolations likewiſe. But I ſee I am ſtill ſhort in bearing all Things, and in diſcerning the Enemy's firſt Approach. Yet Glory be to thy great and holy Name, for what

I do enjoy. O help me to prize thy Bleſſings more, and to believe and love to the End.

Sunday 26. In the Morning, before I roſe, wandering Thoughts were thrown into my Mind. I begged the LORD to give me Power to drive them out; and he heard my Prayer. He gave me likewiſe a thankful Heart, to think how richly he had provided for me, in Temporals, while ſo many were in preſſing Want, as well as in Spirituals: I could not help weeping before the LORD, and aſking, "Why "me, or mine? Why haſt thou given *me* this Compo- "ſure of Mind, more deſirable than all this World? "LORD, give me to preſs after more inward Soli- "tude, and keep and water me every Moment."

Sunday, *May* 3. Glory be to thy great and holy Name, for all thy Bleſſings and Mercies: But above all, for my dear JESUS; I feel the Value of his Blood and Merits more than ever. I find myſelf all Weakneſs and Helpleſneſs; his Blood is all my Plea. Through this I enjoy great Peace of Mind; although much indiſpoſed in Body. But I have been in Doubt what to do. I ſaid, about a Year before I found Peace with GOD, that I would not eat any more Fleſh ſuppers, except I was with Child. But, as my preſent Diſorder was thought to require it, I eat this Evening a little of a Calf's Foot. LORD, keep me from ſcrupulous Fears after it: Let not the Enemy accuſe me for it. Help me in this, and all Things, to extol thy Love and Guardian Care.

Monday 25. Glory be to GOD for new Deſires to ſerve him: LORD, encreaſe them every Moment! and enable me to put in Practice every Deſire, and every Reſolution, which is to thy Glory. Let me never be weary of well-doing, but endure to the End, that no Man take my Crown!

Sunday, *June* 14. To-day I was at the Houſe of Mourning, at Siſter *Pearce's*, whoſe Child was near Death. It was an happy Time. While we read the Experience of ſome departed Saints, the LORD ſhowered down his Love upon us. After the Boy died, I thought, Who can tell, what a bleſſed Convoy ſur-

rounded us, although unſeen by mortal Eyes? And I had ſtrong Faith, that, through the Blood of the Lamb, I ſhould one Day meet the Saints above. I found alſo great Faith for the Welfare of Zion, and Hope that the Lord would ſoon build her up. In my late Indiſpoſition, I found little Activity and little Power to pray. And I found the Enemy taking every Occaſion to tempt me: But there was nothing in me to ſide with the Temptation. Glory be to God for pure Love! Glory be to Jesus Christ, my Lord. O continue to reign ſupreme Lord over every Motion of my Soul.

Thurſday 25. Bleſſed be God, I enjoy a ſteddy Peace, and Evenneſs of Mind. But Illneſs weighs down my Body and Soul, ſo that I am not active in the Service either of God or Man. I found my own Spirit very near in reproving: But I looked to the Lord, and was ſaved. And I was kept in a great Meaſure from Reaſoning. On the cloſeſt Examination, I found nothing but Love in my Heart. But I long to have all that Mind, which was in Christ Jesus my Lord!

Monday, July 6. At Night, after I was in Bed, I found my Mind wander after diſtant Things. I found it hard to fix my Mind on the Lord only; but, Glory be to Him, the Fountain is ſtill open. I have been much better in Body to-day, and have been able to pour out my Soul to God, more freely than for ſome Time paſt. Indeed for ſome Time I have had little Life in Prayer: But, bleſſed be God, he even then gave me Power, which I had not, when I could rejoice to go to Prayer, and I found it ſweet to my Taſte. He only knows, what is beſt for us. And when I was tried To-day, he gave me a meek and quiet Spirit. But I believe I ſpoke afterward more than was neceſſary; yet, bleſſed be God, without Condemnation.

Saturday 11. At a Funeral, I was much tempted to look at thoſe who were ſtill in their Sins, and to prefer myſelf before them. But preſently it came, *Who maketh thee to differ?* For a Moment I ſunk almoſt

moſt into Deſpair. But I thought on the Love of God, and received Comfort. So buſy is the Enemy, firſt to lift us up, and then to caſt down.

Tueſday, Auguſt 4. Glory be to God, in the midſt of Trials, I was as calm as if I was out of the Body. In the Evening, while I was earneſt in private Prayer, I felt as it were a Dart ſhot through me. I ſtarted a little, but ſtill kept calling upon God, till I was more than Conqueror.

Saturday 8. This Evening I was obliged to ſpeak on Behalf of the injured. And I thought it my Duty to ſpeak ſharply, though ſtill in Love and Meekneſs. I found Love for God and his Cauſe conſtrained me ſo to ſpeak: For I hate every Thing that would diſhonour him.

Sunday, September 6. I was cloſely tried from a near Quarter: But I was kept in Peace. I wept to myſelf, to think of the ſore Bondage Sin had brought on them who are under the Power of it. It gave me to ſee the Uncertainty of all Things but the Love of Christ.

Sunday 29. I was diſturbed ſoon after Midnight, and again a little before Day. I did not wake any more, till almoſt Six. I was grieved to be diſappointed of the Preaching, and yet contented, ſeeing there was no Will of my own in the Omiſſion of it. All this Day I had a ſolemn Time. My Soul enjoyed Peace and Tranquillity, and I found it good, to leave the Things of Time behind, and to wait ſimply upon God.

Thurſday, October 1. When the ſelect Society met, I was much tired, and very heavy. But the Lord was pleaſed to bleſs others in a glorious Manner. Immediately it was ſuggeſted, "This is falſe Fire: or "why am not *I* affected?" I begged the Lord, to anſwer for himſelf. And, before we parted, I had the Petition I aſked of him, and was refreſhed both in Soul and Body.

Saturday 3. Being much diſordered in Body, I was obliged to lie down. I dreamed I was exhorting ſome People of Note, in an exceeding ſolemn Manner.

And I was ſo happy in God, that I afterward felt the good Effect of it, even upon my Body. Yet, in the End, methought I was tempted to Lightneſs. See how Satan beſets us ſleeping and waking!

Tueſday 6. I had ſtrong Deſires to be filled with God, and I find Faith that I ſhall; that I ſhall be entirely devoted to God, and that every Moment. My Heart is more enlarged in Love to all Mankind, particularly to my Brethren; and I have Power to cover their Faults with Love, and to pray for them. Bleſſed be God, that his Work is ſpreading among us: More and more are brought to the Knowledge of God: And many are going from Houſe to Houſe, to call upon God and tell of his Goodneſs. It is no Wonder therefore that Satan rages: But I truſt he will be diſappointed of his Hope. The Lord make us faithful, and keep us every Moment watching unto Prayer!

Sunday 18. Glory be to God, I find the Fruits of the Spirit encreaſing; particularly by means of private Prayer. Indeed the Enemy thruſts ſore at me therein, ſtriving to make me afraid, till I ſometimes cry out, "Shall I be afraid to thank and praiſe my "God?" He then preſently flies, and immediately the Lord ſhowers down his Bleſſings upon me.

Though I have been kept by Sickneſs from the public means, this has been a Sabbath of Reſt to my Soul. I had a ſolemn, peaceable Time in reading, and a glorious Time in private Prayer, between Five and Six. And in the Evening, the Lord poured his Grace on my Heart, as the Dew upon the tender Herb. I never ſaw ſo much of his Greatneſs before. Lord, fill me with this awful Senſe of thy Majeſty, and let me be kept every Moment in that ſilent Heaven of Love!

Sunday, November 1. I have kept my Bed for ſome Days, being much diſordered in Body. But, Glory be to God, he has many Times refreſhed my Soul with his Love; particularly, when I have been favoured with the Company of his dear Children. When they called upon him in Prayer, he was pleaſed

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to hear, and anſwer even while they were calling. In general, I have found calm Compoſure of Spirit, a Deliverance from my own Will, Patience and Reſignation to the Will of God, and Power in the Hour of Temptation. But I want more Strength of Faith and Love; for I find the Enemy is always watching. And ſometimes he comes very near, ſtriving to ſow the evil Seed again. But, Glory be to God, he has ſaved me yet, though ſometimes I have been ſcarcely ſaved: So that I ſee I muſt live this Moment to God, and watch and look to my dear Lord every Moment.

Monday 2. When I waked, my Huſband ſoon began talking to me about worldly Buſineſs. It was lawful, but I quickly found, it was not expedient: For I had not ſo much Power to pray as uſual. But, in the Evening, bleſſed be God, I waited upon him in a ſweet, calm Peace, at the Preaching. Only I found a little Reaſoning, "What if I ſhould fall in "Labour?" But it was quickly removed: And though my Body failed a little, yet I was freer from Wanderings than I ever was for ſo long a Time.

Thurſday 5. The Lord does ſtill bleſs me and keep me; but I come ſhort of what I deſire to be. In the Morning I find ſtrong Deſires to be wholly devoted to God in every Thing. But in the Evening, I find I have ſtill come ſhort, though without Condemnation or Fear. Bleſſed be God, I am kept from inordinate Sorrow for my dear Friend's Illneſs. Lord, prepare me for the ſame Hour. And, if it be thy bleſſed Will, rebuke the Diſorder, and raiſe her up, for the Good of her Family, and of thy People.

Sunday 8. The Lord was pleaſed to call her to himſelf. The Day before ſhe ſeemed much better. But in the Evening ſhe fell worſe again, and this Morning, about Nine, departed. When Word came of this, I was not ſhocked at firſt; but in a while I began to reaſon on what had paſſed between us the Evening before. She then ſaid, "When Death "ſeemed nigh ſome Nights ſince, the Enemy thruſt "ſore at me, and ſaid, This will be thy End: But I

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" ſaid, Not without GOD's Permiſſion: He can bring " me down to the Belly of Hell, and bring me up " again, as well as he did *Jonah* out of the Whale's " Belly. But it is one Thing to talk of Death, and " another to have it brought home to us." Then her Huſband, and Children, and Friends came near, and Sorrow ſeemed to overwhelm her. But ſhe ſaid, " GOD is able to bleſs and keep them, without me, " if he is pleaſed to take me. And if he is pleaſed " to ſpare me, I can do nothing for them, without " the LORD." When I reflected upon theſe Things, not watching unto Prayer, I was quickly encompaſſed with a Flood of Temptations: So that I never remember to have paſſed ſuch a Night, ſince I knew the Goodneſs of GOD. I could not ſleep till Six in the Morning. But, Glory be to GOD, I had Peace at the Bottom, and continued ſtriving with all my Might. About *Monday* Noon I found Eaſe, and at Five in the Evening, I could wait upon the LORD without Diſtraction. On *Tueſday* I had ſuch a ſweet and reſigned Will as I ſcarce ever had before. I was much taken up with the Bleſſedneſs of Heaven, and had no Doubt but I ſhould be there; but had no Will of my own to die or live, only as the LORD ſhould pleaſe, and not one reluctant Thought concerning the leaving of my Friends or Family. I lay quite paſſive in the Hands of my dear LORD. O may he ever keep me ſo!

Mary Pearce was a Woman of good Senſe, which, mixed with Grace, was exceeding amiable. She had great Light as to the Spiritual Life, could ſee the State of our Souls, and ſet them before us as clear as the Sun. She was of a Spirit that ſympathized with every one, both in their temporal and ſpiritual Trials. Indeed her own Life was a Life of Trials; which, ſhe always ſaid, was beſt for her, and no more than was needful to keep her from Pride, and to break her ſtubborn Will. But ſhe bore all her Trials with Sweetneſs of Temper, and never mentioned them but to a near Friend. She was a dutiful Child, a tender Parent, an affectionate Wife, and a faithful Friend.

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May I tread in her Steps, and follow the Example of her Patience to the End!

Friday, December 18. I am much burthened in Body, and confined by reaſon of my Burthen. Yet, bleſſed be GOD, I have Patience to bear it, and tarry his Leiſure. I have been much tempted to an angry Zeal, againſt ſome of my unconverted Relations. But I ſaw the Snare, and was delivered. Sometimes it is a Croſs to go to private Prayer: But I ſtill have Peace and Love. In meeting my Band, I ſaw and felt my Weakneſs very much. Yet the LORD bleſſed us, while we called upon him. LORD, bleſs me in the approaching Hour of Trial. Bleſs what is formed in me, and let it live in this World; may it be devoted to thy Service. Sanctify her Sickneſs to my Child, that is now under thy correcting Hand. Prepare her for Life or for Death: And may I, and all my dear Children meet at thy right Hand.

Sunday 27. I ſee more and more, that every Thing I receive, is for the Sake of my dear LORD, and that I always want his precious Blood, to waſh and keep me clean. Bleſſed be his Name for Faith in him. I find his Light diſcovers Darkneſs more and more. It is a great Thing to come empty to GOD. LORD, help me to come wholly out of myſelf, to come to thee, as at firſt I came, and to return to thee all thou giveſt me. And help me in the approaching Trial, to glorify thy great and holy Name, either by Life, or by Death. To me, to live be CHRIST, and to die be Gain.

Wedneſday 30. Though I was greatly burthened in Body, I enjoyed much Peace of Mind. But I was deſirous, that thoſe who had ſo highly diſhonoured GOD ſhould be openly expelled from us. LORD, lay thy mighty Hand upon them, and ſink them into deep Repentance, that they may cry mightily to GOD, and he may enable them to return to him, from whom they have ſo deeply revolted.

Friday, January 1, 1768. Glory be to GOD for his unbounded Mercies to me, in the Year that is paſt.

paſt. Thanks be to GOD and the LAMB, that he has given me to ſee the Beginning of another Year. Whatever Time I live, may I live more to his Glory, than ever I have done heretofore!

Saturday 2. This Day has been a Day of Faith and Peace, and Love: And my Soul has been much drawn out in Prayer. Now let me expect freſh Trials, after ſuch a Shower of Bleſſings.

Sunday 3. Though I am ſtill confined from the outward Means, which are highly deſirable, yet, bleſſed be GOD, I find him preſent with me, keeping my Soul in perfect Peace. But I doubt I ſpoke more Words to-day than were to the Glory of God. O let the Blood of thy Son, JESUS CHRIST, ſtill cleanſe me from all Sin!

Sunday 10. Though much diſordered in Body, I enjoyed much Peace and Love in my Soul. I calmly expect the Lord to deliver me of the Fruit of my Womb. But I do not find any Will, but to glorify GOD; either by Life or by Death.

Sunday 17. Many Times I have not Power to ſpeak: But, bleſſed be GOD, I find much Thankfulneſs for all his Mercies. My Deſires are ſtill ſtrong for GOD and his Works, and I find an Increaſe of Peace and Patience. In meeting my Band, and in Family Prayer, he bleſſed us in an uncommon Manner. But the more Bleſſings I receive from him, the more I ſee and feel of my own Weakneſs.

Saturday 23. When the LORD opens my Hand, to relieve the Want of any of his poor Creatures, I find ſtill there is Need to cry to him, that I may give him all the Glory. Bleſſed be his Name, my own Spirit is dying daily. Yet I ſometimes find it a Croſs to go to private Prayer; but ſo much the more am I bleſt therein. And the LORD greatly bleſſed us in Family Prayer, when I earneſtly called upon him, to come and deſtroy inbred Sin out of the Hearts of thoſe who know his pardoning Love.

Sunday 24. I had a longing Deſire to ſpeak very plainly to my dear Mother. But I could not; I could only pray with her, and read to her ſome Paſſages of Scripture.

Scripture. But, bleſſed be GOD, he has anſwered my Prayer, with regard to my Family's keeping the LORD's Day. LORD, enable them always to keep a Sabbath of Reſt, and to find Reſt in their own Souls.

Sunday 31. Glory, and Thanks, and Praiſe, be to GOD and the Lamb, for his unbounded Love to ſuch an helpleſs Worm! Bleſſed be his holy Name, I enjoy Peace, and Love to GOD and all Mankind. I have no Deſire to live, unleſs to his Glory: But, through the Burthen and Pain of my Body, I cannot put my Deſires in Practice as I would: Bleſſed be GOD, that he takes the Will for the Deed. LORD, help me in my preſent Condition, to glorify thee by Patience: To be content to ſuffer as long as thy Goodneſs pleaſes, and to wait till thy good Time is come. And let me regard neither Pain, nor Eaſe, but as it brings me nearer to my dear LORD.

From *Tueſday* to *Friday* I was quite confined to my Bed. On *Tueſday*, I had much Liberty in meeting my Band: But ſince that Time, I have had little Power, except at Intervals. On *Friday* Evening, it was ſtrongly ſuggeſted to me, "Thou wilt fail, when "thy Hour of Trial comes." I immediately told my Huſband: He prayed with me, and I found Liberty. Yeſterday Morning, the ſame Temptation aſſaulted me ſtrongly: But I ſpoke of it as ſoon as it came. And ſince that Time, bleſſed be his Name, I have felt it no more. LORD, help me! LORD, keep me every Moment! Keep me to the End, for my dear LORD's Sake!

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